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***Amendment***

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To: House Bill No. 7503

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES."**

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1 In line 458, place brackets around "(a)"

2 Strike lines 475 and 476 in their entirety

3 Strike section 18 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

4 "Sec. 18. Subsection (e) of section 17b-116 of the general statutes is  
5 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

6 (e) Persons domiciled and residing in Connecticut or who have no  
7 other residence, and who are United States citizens or who have been  
8 admitted as qualified aliens, as defined in Section 431 of Public Law  
9 104-193, into the United States [prior to August 22, 1996,] or other  
10 lawfully residing immigrant aliens or aliens who formerly held the  
11 status of permanently residing under color of law shall be eligible for  
12 support under the general assistance program. [A qualified alien  
13 admitted into the United States on or after August 22, 1996, or other  
14 lawfully residing immigrant alien determined eligible for general  
15 assistance prior to July 1, 1997, shall remain eligible for such assistance  
16 until July 1, 2001. Qualified aliens or other lawfully residing immigrant  
17 aliens admitted into the United States on or after August 22, 1996, and  
18 not determined eligible for assistance prior to July 1, 1997, shall be  
19 eligible for such assistance subsequent to six months from establishing  
20 residency in this state until July 1, 2001.] Qualified aliens must pursue  
21 citizenship to the maximum extent allowed by law as a condition of  
22 eligibility for the general assistance program unless incapable of doing  
23 so due to a medical problem, language barrier or other reason as

24 determined by the Commissioner of Social Services. Notwithstanding  
25 the provisions of this subsection, any qualified alien or other lawfully  
26 residing immigrant alien or alien who formerly held the status of  
27 permanently residing under color of law who is a victim of domestic  
28 violence or who has mental retardation shall be eligible for general  
29 assistance."

30 Strike section 19 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

31 "Sec. 19. Section 17b-257b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

33 Qualified aliens, as defined in Section 431 of Public Law 104-193,  
34 admitted into the United States on or after August 22, 1996, other  
35 lawfully residing immigrant aliens or aliens who formerly held the  
36 status of permanently residing under color of law [who have been  
37 determined eligible for Medicaid or for state-administered general  
38 assistance medical aid prior to July 1, 1997, may] shall be eligible [ until  
39 July 1, 2001,] for state-funded medical assistance which shall provide  
40 coverage to the same extent as the Medicaid program, state-  
41 administered general assistance medical aid or the HUSKY Plan, Part B  
42 provided other conditions of eligibility are met. [Such qualified aliens  
43 or lawfully residing immigrant aliens or aliens who formerly held the  
44 status of permanently residing under color of law who have not been  
45 determined eligible for Medicaid or for state-administered general  
46 assistance medical aid prior to July 1, 1997, shall be eligible for state-  
47 funded assistance or the HUSKY Plan, Part B subsequent to six months  
48 from establishing residency in this state until July 1, 2001.]  
49 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any qualified alien or  
50 other lawfully residing immigrant alien or alien who formerly held the  
51 status of permanently residing under color of law who is a victim of  
52 domestic violence or who has mental retardation shall be eligible for  
53 state-funded assistance or the HUSKY Plan, Part B pursuant to this  
54 section. Only individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid shall be  
55 eligible for state-funded assistance pursuant to this section."

56 After line 2601, insert the following and renumber the remaining  
57 sections accordingly:

58 "Sec. 68. Subsection (a) of section 17b-342 of the general statutes is  
59 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

60 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall administer the  
61 Connecticut home-care program for the elderly state-wide in order to  
62 prevent the institutionalization of elderly persons (1) who are  
63 recipients of medical assistance, (2) who are eligible for such  
64 assistance, (3) who would be eligible for medical assistance if residing  
65 in a nursing facility, or (4) who meet the criteria for the state-funded  
66 portion of the program under subsection (i) of this section. For  
67 purposes of this section, a long-term care facility is a facility which has  
68 been federally certified as a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care  
69 facility. The commissioner shall make any revisions in the state  
70 Medicaid plan required by Title XIX of the Social Security Act prior to  
71 implementing the program. The annualized cost of the community-  
72 based services provided to such persons under the program shall not  
73 exceed sixty per cent of the weighted average cost of care in skilled  
74 nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities. The program shall be  
75 structured so that the net cost to the state for long-term facility care in  
76 combination with the community-based services under the program  
77 shall not exceed the net cost the state would have incurred without the  
78 program. The commissioner shall investigate the possibility of  
79 receiving federal funds for the program and shall apply for any  
80 necessary federal waivers. A recipient of services under the program,  
81 and the estate and legally liable relatives of the recipient, shall be  
82 responsible for reimbursement to the state for such services to the  
83 same extent required of a recipient of assistance under the state  
84 supplement program, medical assistance program, temporary family  
85 assistance program or food stamps program. [Only a United States  
86 citizen or a noncitizen who meets the citizenship requirements for  
87 eligibility under the Medicaid program shall be eligible for home-care  
88 services under this section, except a qualified alien, as defined in  
89 Section 431 of Public Law 104-193, admitted into the United States on

90 or after August 22, 1996, or other lawfully residing immigrant alien  
91 determined eligible for services under this section prior to July 1, 1997,  
92 shall remain eligible for such services until July 1, 2001. Qualified  
93 aliens or other lawfully residing immigrant aliens not determined  
94 eligible prior to July 1, 1997, shall be eligible for services under this  
95 section subsequent to six months from establishing residency until July  
96 1, 2001. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, any  
97 qualified alien or other lawfully residing immigrant alien or alien who  
98 formerly held the status of permanently residing under color of law  
99 who is a victim of domestic violence or who has mental retardation  
100 shall be eligible for assistance pursuant to this section.] Qualified  
101 aliens, as defined in Section 431 of Public Law 104-193, or other  
102 lawfully residing immigrant aliens or aliens who formerly held the  
103 status of permanently residing under color of law shall be eligible for  
104 services under this section provided other conditions of eligibility are  
105 met."